

Form-A

FORM FOR SEEKING PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER SECTION-2 OF THE PROPOSALS BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AUTHORITIES**PART-I****(To be filled up by User Agency)****1. Project Details:****(i) Short narrative of the proposal & project/scheme for which the forest land is required:**

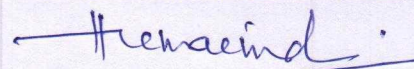
M/s Rungta Mines Ltd has been declared as preferred bidder for grant of Mining Lease of Jumka Pathiriposhi Pahad Iron ore block. The Letter of Intent has also been issued by Government of Odisha, Steel & Mines Department vide No. 8716/SM, Bhubaneswar, dated 28.10.2021 (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-IV**). The Validity of LOI is for a period of 3 (three) years from the date of its issuance. According to this process calendar for grant of mining lease the last date of execution of mining lease deed will be 27.10.2024 i.e. 3 years from date of issuance of letter of intent (LOI).

As per the data provided by Directorate of Mines, Steel & Mines Department, Government of Odisha, the total mining lease DGPS surveyed area is 158.509 Ha (156.978 Ha forest + 1.531 Ha Non-forest). Total Iron Ore Resources of All grades are 140.28 MT. Mining plan has been approved by Indian Bureau of Mines, Bhubaneswar vide letter No. MP/A/18-ORI/BHU/2021-22 dated 24.11.2021. Copy of the approval letter is enclosed as **Annexure-V**. Terms of Reference (ToR) has been issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Impact Assessment Division vide No: IA-J-11015/2/2022-IA-II (NCM) dated 18.02.2022 with production capacity of 3.35 Million TPA iron ore with a total excavation of 3.98 MTPA. Copy of the ToR is enclosed as **Annexure-VI**.

Further, the user agency has applied through online for diversion of the forest land under section-2(ii) of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, for approval of the Central Government. The proposal number is (FP/OR/ MIN / 150048 /2021, State serial No-OR-098/2021 dated 22.12.2021).

The iron ore will be supplied to different steel plant, sponge iron plant, pellet plants etc. for ultimate production of Steel and also for export to earn foreign exchange for development of our country. Transportation shall be made through public railway siding, as well as through trucks directly to destination.

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Director

There is no transportation road through which iron ore will be supplied to the different destinations including Kamanda Steel plant of M/s Rungta Mines Limited. The nearby available existing roads are passing through village habitations and through the existing leases of Jaldihi Mine and Kanther Koira Mine. The existing road is also not suitable for heavy Traffic density.

Now, the User Agency has proposed to construct a dedicated separate road from Jumka Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron block of M/s Rungta Mines Limited to the existing Koira-Belakudar- Patamunda road, at village Belakudar over a distance of 12.291 Km (12.135 Km in Forest area + 0.156 Km in Non-forest area) for transportation of Iron ore to the desired destination. The average width of the road will be 10.776 mt. 13.077 Ha Forest land and 0.168 Ha Non-Forest land will be involved in the instant proposal. Without the proposed transportation route, the mining activities cannot be carried out in the above said block. Topo map showing the lay out plan of the proposed transportation route is enclosed as **Plate No.-I.**

Hence, diversion of 13.077 Ha forest land under section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is essential for Construction of transportation road from Jumka Pathiriposhi Iron ore Block of M/s Rungta Mines Limited to the existing Koira-Belakudar- Patamunda road, at village Belakudar to commence mining activities in the auctioned block within the stipulated time.

(ii) Map showing the required forest land, boundary of adjoining forest on a 1:50,000 scale Map:

The map showing the required information are as follows:

Sl. No.	Maps	Plate No.
1.	Location map in Topo sheet	Plate – I
2.	Alternate route map	Plate – II

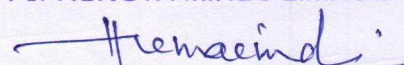
(iii) Cost of the project:

Rs. 5500 Lakhs

(iv) Justification for locating the project in the forest area:

The proposed production of iron ore from Jumka Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block is 3.5 MTPA, which will be increased due course of time. There is no transportation road through which iron ore will be supplied to the different destinations including Kamanda Steel plant. The nearby available existing roads are passing through village habitations and through the existing leases of Jaldihi

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